

**A RESOLUTION
BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE GEORGIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HARTSFIELD-JACKSON ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S REQUEST TO INCREASE THE PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE IN THE PRESENT FAA REAUTHORIZATION BILL PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, in 1990, the United States Congress authorized commercial airport operators to impose at the local level a usage fee called a Passenger Facility Charge ("PFC"), in order to provide a financial mechanism to help meet the growing demands on our nation's airports; and

WHEREAS, the PFC authorized for large and medium hub airports has been capped at \$4.50 per enplaning passenger since 2000, which, due to inflation and rising construction costs, is worth a present-day equivalent of \$2.86; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration estimates that the nation will experience annual enplaned passenger growth from 739 million currently to more than one billion by 2015, with passenger growth at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ("HJAIA") expected to grow from the present 85 million annually to more than 100 million by 2015, and flight volume expected to grow from 976,447 currently to 1.2 million by 2015; and

WHEREAS, HJAIA has taken full advantage of its PFC authority by financing 50% of the Fifth Runway and 75% of other airfield costs with PFCs, thereby keeping these costs from impacting airline landing fees; and

WHEREAS, HJAIA is in the midst of a \$6.2 billion capital improvement program, which includes a new, billion-dollar international terminal needed to meet annual growth in international passengers of approximately 20%; and

WHEREAS, At its current level, the PFC is insufficient to adequately fund critical improvement and expansion projects being implemented now and planned for the future in an effort to meet ever-increasing passenger demands; and

WHEREAS, in March 2007, representatives of HJAIA met with various members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation to request an increase in the PFC from \$4.50 to \$7.50 per enplaning passenger; and

WHEREAS the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of State Aviation Officials, the Airports Council International, the American Association of Airport Executives, the Associated General Contractors, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and many other organizations have endorsed the Bush Administration's

proposal to provide the commercial airport operators with the authority to increase the PFC to meet the growing demands on their airports.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES, that the City of Atlanta urges the Georgia Congressional delegation to support Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's request to increase the Passenger Facility Charge from a maximum of \$4.50 per enplaning passenger to a maximum of \$7.50 per enplaning passenger, with an automatic, annual adjustment for inflation, in the present FAA Reauthorization Bill pending in the Congress.

Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview:

Caption:

Council Meeting Date:

Requesting Dept.:

B. To be completed by the department :

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

Example: The purpose of this legislation is to anticipate funds from a local assistance grant to purchase child safety seats.

The purpose of this legislation is to support action by Congress of the United States to increase Passenger Facility Charges.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

Example: The task force of homelessness conducted a study regarding homelessness, its impact and consequences on the City. This resolution reflects the Mayor's desire to open a twenty-four hour center that will respond to the needs of the homelessness in Atlanta.

The increase of passenger facility charges is necessary for the City to maintain the efficiency and continued improvement of its airport operations. This resolution reflects the Council's desire to increase the charge to an amount suitable to obtain the goals set fourth by the City.

3. If Applicable/Known:

(a) Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):

(b) Source Selection:

(c) Bids/Proposals Due:

(d) Invitations Issued:

- (e) Number of Bids:
- (f) Proposals Received:
- (g) Bidders/Proponents:
- (h) Term of Contract:

4. Fund Account Center:

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant*

6. Fiscal Impact:

Example: This legislation will result in a reduction in the amount of _____ to Fund Account Center Number _____.

7. Method of Cost Recovery:

Examples:

- a. Revenues generated from the permits required under this legislation will be used to fund the personnel needed to carry out the permitting process.*
- b. Money obtained from a local assistance grant will be used to cover the costs of this Summer Food Program.*

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TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

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Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Anita Williams

Contact Number: 404-530-6600

Originating Department: Aviation

Committee(s) of Purview: Transportation

Chief of Staff Deadline: 7/09/07

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): 8/01/07

Anticipated Full Council Date: 8/01/07

Commissioner Signature: 

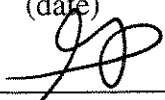
CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any)

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by CPO: _____ Received by LC from CPO: _____
(date) (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: 7/12/07 Reviewed by: 
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: _____
(date)